



## **St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point Lenten Service Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

**Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!**

**Prayer before the Service-**Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Order of Service-Vespers.....pg 229  
Psalm 130 (responsively whole verse by whole verse)**

**Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;  
Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive  
    To the voice of my supplications.  
If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,  
    O Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared.  
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
    And in His word I do hope.  
My soul waits for the Lord  
    More than those who watch for the morning—  
    Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.  
O Israel, hope in the LORD;  
    For with the LORD there is mercy,  
    And with Him is abundant redemption.  
And He shall redeem Israel From all his iniquities.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen**

### **Epistle Lesson-1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

1Cor. 15:50 ¶ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 1Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—1Cor. 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 1Cor. 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 1Cor. 15:54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

1Cor. 15:55 “O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?”

1Cor. 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. **1Cor. 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

1Cor. 15:58 ¶ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

## Sermon

**Text: Psalm 130, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

**Theme: He is One who gives us the victory through Christ Jesus**

**I. The world, from the fall, has been a place where pestilence and death reigned**

**II. It is to Christ that we look, in whom we rest, and carry on courageously**

## Canticle-Hymn 422

## Prayers

## Benediction

**The following are the themes** of the services that comprise Lenten Midweek and Holy Week Services, however, at the present time our ability to gather is on hold, given the pandemic and state mandates. **The elders met Sunday, and we are not having services this week, March 29-April 4th. Confirmation and examination, will be private. We will again reevaluate the schedule for Holy Week, next Sunday, but for right now, if the state limits on gatherings remain at 10, we will be offering Holy Communion to groups of 10 or less throughout the day on Maundy Thursday, April 9th and Good Friday, April 10th by appointment.** Please call the church office. Watch the facebook page, the bulletin and website [www.stpaulbluepoint.org](http://www.stpaulbluepoint.org) for further news. (Presently, the website host is down, so this information is being linked to facebook. We will also be putting up sermons and links to bulletins on Youtube, link coming). More information will be coming in a pastoral letter the week of March 29th. If you would like a physical copy of the bulletin, please call the pastor and he will put it in your mailbox. If you have prayer requests please call the pastor and he will put it in the bulletin for services. There will also be **daily sermons** posted with brief bulletins each day on the internet. So the Lenten series will be completed and preached, as will other sermons and lessons during this time.

**Lenten Midweek Services** —The theme will be **Walking with Paul to the Cross and Beyond**. The lessons will be the Epistle lessons from the previous Sunday;

**Lenten Midweek 5, April 1st**-Roman 8:1-11, Theme-The Lord provides pilgrims on their way to the Cross with the Spirit

**Palm Sunday, April 4th**-Philippians 2:5-11, Theme-The mind of Christ enables us to follow Christ to the Cross humility and faith

**Maundy Thursday-1 Corinthians 11:23ff**, The Lord richly feeds His children, as they make their way to the Cross

**Good Friday-Isaiah 53**; John 19, Theme-We have arrived at the Cross and ponder what this means for us!

**Easter Sunrise-1 Corinthians 15:1-11**, Theme-The Lord is Risen!

**ALIS Auction** will have been postponed until May 8th.

**Ladies Aid** has placed **flower order** forms in your mailbox. They have to be returned to the Ladies Aid mailbox, with a check made out to the Ladies Aid, by March 22.

**Central Illinois District 75th Annual LWML Convention** will be held on April 30th – May 2nd at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd., Morton, IL 61550. **This event has been cancelled for now.** If there are any questions you can contact Annie Guerrettaz, Jo Elynn Tappendorf or Elaine Stuckemeyer.

**The Ladies of St. John’s, Effingham Lydia Guild** is hosting the Joint Spring JOY Shop for all ladies has been cancelled.

**Arrangements for the funeral** of Gene Moeller-The family of Gene Moeller will be having a funeral/memorial service sometime in the future, when conditions allow.

**Prayers**-For the family of Gene Moeller who died this past week; For the family of Donald Burks, the father of Charles Burks, who died; for the family of W. Wayne Arnold, the grandfather of Spencer Hammer; for those afflicted with the viruses this year, and those working in health care. For the school closings.

### **Those participating-**

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### Luther

“when we begin to believe the article of Christ, the potion is already mixed and drunk which eliminates the poison that he injected into my heart and conscience and also into my body. Now we are saved from the curse, and the same poison which we have in us is now poured out for the devil, so that he has to eat death by us. Thus we have drunk a salutary medicine in Baptism and the Sacrament, which expels and removes our poison. This does not kill me but the very enemy who intended to kill me with it. You see, that is why God employs such figurative language and calls Himself a poison, not a poison for us poor people who once were cumbered with death and pestilence, but a poison against the poison of death and hell. Now we who feel such poison and plague can take comfort from that, assured that God befriends us so greatly that He completely removes these from our body and soul and feeds these to devil and death, that his belly is rent by them.” [Luther, M. (1999). Luther’s works, vol. 28: 1 Corinthians 7, 1 Corinthians 15, Lectures on 1 Timothy. (J. J. Pelikan, H. C. Oswald, & H. T. Lehmann, Eds.) (Vol. 28, pp. 204–206). Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House.]

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